

REMARKS

The application contains claims 1-12. Claims 3 and 5-10 stand withdrawn, the Examiner arguing that these claims are directed to a different invention. Claims 11 and 12 are added herewith. Both these claims are dependent on claim 1 and are therefore directed to subject matter previously elected. Claims 1, 2, 4, 11, and 12 are, therefore under examination.

Un-entered Amendment

A document entitled "REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116" was filed in this case on or about April 25, 2005, hereinafter called the "last filed amendment". In paragraph "3a" of an Advisory Action mailed May 11, 2005, the Examiner declined to consider or "enter" this last filed amendment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to now formally "enter" the last filed amendment and fully consider it on the merits. The listing of claims herein presumes that this last filed amendment was entered.

New Claims 11 and 12

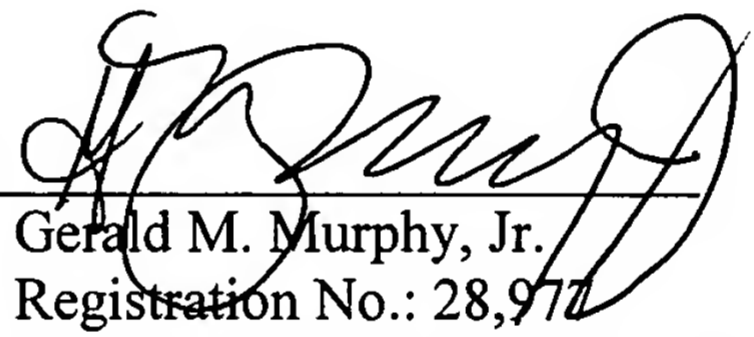
Newly added claims 11 and 12 further define the invention and further distinguish over the prior art in general and over USP 2003/0232940 A1 (Komoriya) in particular. Komoriya fails to disclose or suggest a relevant polymer wherein R³ is methyl as defined in pending claims 11 and 12.

Summary

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact David R. Murphy (Reg. No. 22,751 at the telephone number 703-205-8000; Extension 8053 to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution of this case.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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